# Private Asset Class Roles and Benchmarks

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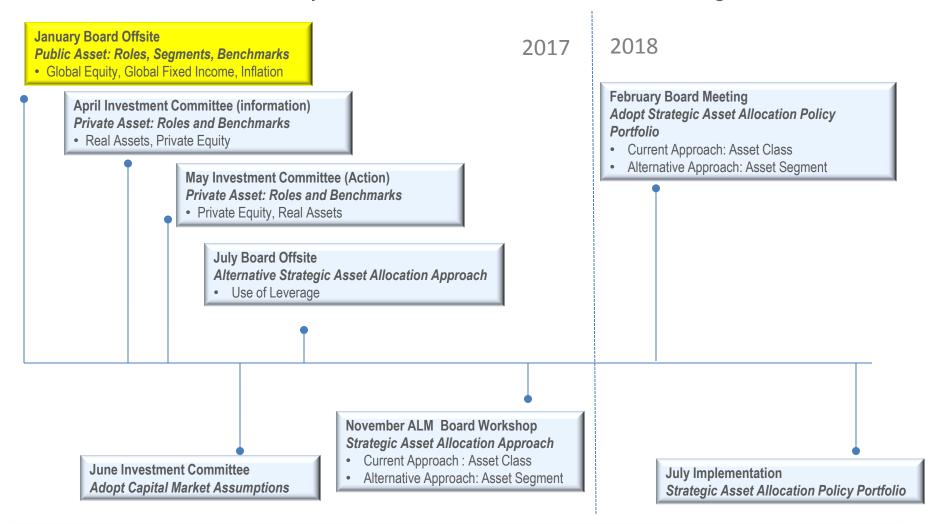


## What We Hope to Accomplish Today

- Review Asset Liability Management Timeline (Progress and Goal)
- Discuss Benchmark Selection for Private Asset Classes



## **2017-18 ALM Timeline** | Board Review & Decision Making



# Real Assets



## Real Assets | Introduction

- Maintain the Real Asset role adopted in April 2016
  - The role of Real Assets is to own real assets with stable cash yield and act as an economic diversifier to equity risk.
    - Diversification
    - Income
    - Inflation
- Recommend two modifications to Real Assets within the Strategic Asset Allocation
  - Consolidation of segments
  - Benchmark

#### Real Assets | Recommendation

#### **Consolidation of segments**

#### Current:

- Forestland 1%
- Infrastructure 1%
- Real Estate 11%

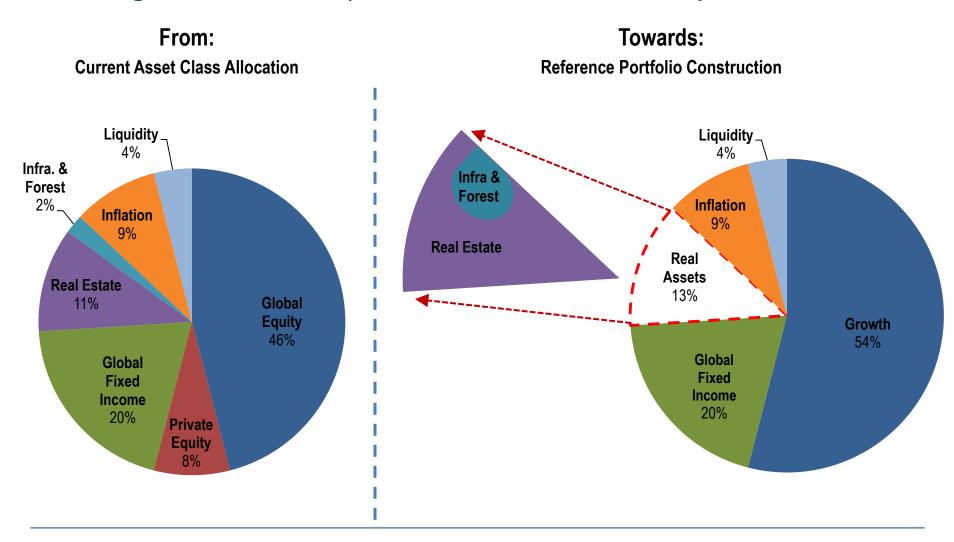
#### Proposed:

Real Assets 13%

# Real Assets | Why

- Focus Strategic Asset Allocation on asset classes / segments with sufficient materiality
- Underwrite in Real Estate, Infrastructure and Forestland seeking similar underlying investment characteristics
- Retain the ability of Real Assets to invest in Infrastructure and Forestland
- Build common focus for the Real Assets team within INVO

# Existing Asset Classes | Total Fund Investment Policy





#### Real Assets | Recommendation

#### **Benchmark**

#### Current:

 National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries ("NCREIF") Open-End Diversified Core Equity ("ODCE")

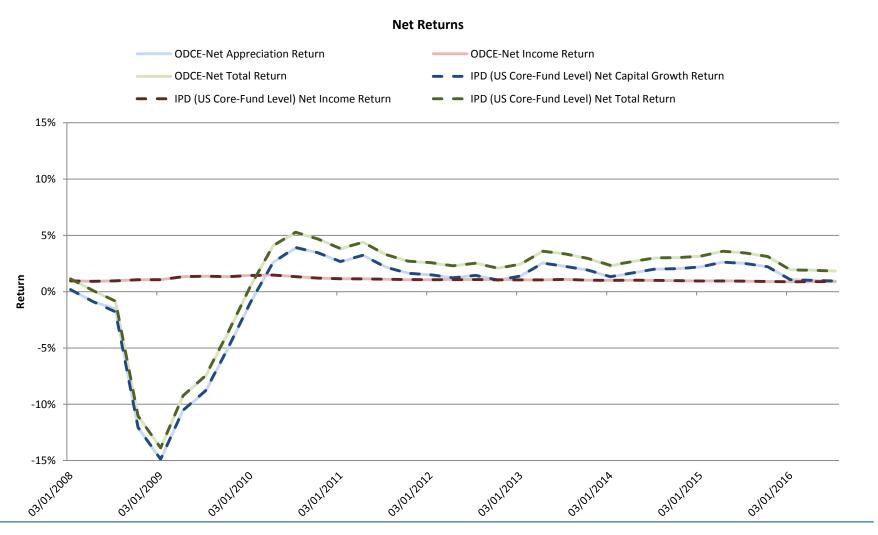
#### Proposed:

MSCI Investment Property Databank ("IPD") (U.S. Core – Fund Level)

## Real Assets | Why

- "NCREIF ODCE" and "IPD U.S. Core Fund Level" measure nearly identical exposures
- Simplify vendor relationships (BarraOne provider)
- Potential to extend to Infrastructure and Global Real Estate should these segments become material enough to warrant separation

#### Real Assets | Net Returns – IPD (US Core Fund Level) vs. ODCE (Fund Level)





# **Private Equity**



#### **Private Equity** Introduction

- Partially address challenges identified during November 2015 Private Equity workshop
- Recommend three modifications to Private Equity within the Strategic Asset Allocation
  - Role
  - Consolidation into a growth related asset segment
  - Benchmark

# Addressing Private Equity Challenges (11/2015)

Challenge	Initiative to Address Challenge
Controlling Private Equity Exposure	Liquid Public Market Proxy
<ul> <li>Difficult to Identify Sources of Risk</li> <li>Complex, Higher, and Non-transparent fees</li> </ul>	Private Equity Accounting and Reporting Solution (PEARS)
Determining Appropriate Benchmark	<ul> <li>Role of Private Markets</li> <li>Benchmark Evaluation and Discussion</li> </ul>
Predicting Cash Flows	Liquidity – Operations



#### **Private Equity** | Potential Questions

- Eliminating Private Equity?
  - No, an important part of investment portfolio
- Benchmark shift due to underperformance?
  - No, making an explicit link to the investible alternative (opportunity cost)
- Eliminating excess return expectation in the capital market assumptions?
  - No, the excess return expectation would be extrapolated to this growth segment (implies target weight)
- Reduce transparency?
  - No, maintain commitment to all enhanced reporting and disclosure

#### **Private Equity** Recommendation

#### Role

#### Current:

- Private equity allocations are a means of enhancing equity returns through a value added approach to investment management of a diverse set of portfolio companies and to capture the illiquidity premium. The major driver for returns is appreciation with negligible cash yield.
- High Growth Risks
- Illiquid

#### Proposed:

- Private equity allocations are a means of enhancing equity returns through an active, valueadded approach. The major driver for returns is appreciation, aided by leverage, with negligible cash yield.
- Growth

# **Private Equity** Recommendation

#### **Incorporation into growth related asset segment**

#### Current:

Private Equity a distinct, stand alone asset class

#### Proposed:

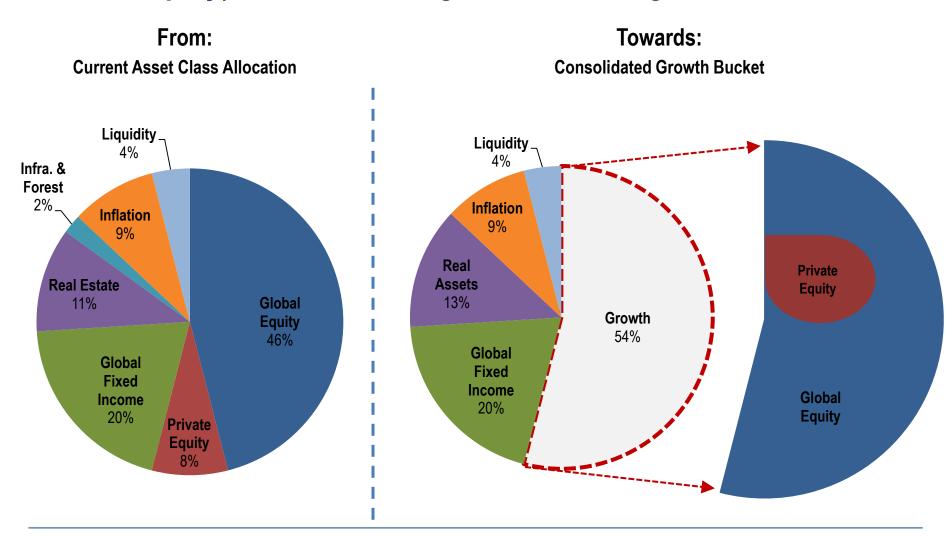
 Merge Private Equity with capitalization weighted Global Equity to form a combined growth related segment



# Private Equity | Why

- Focus management of the allocation to Private Equity at the total fund level
- Enable potential portfolio construction capability to offset idiosyncratic regional, sector and company exposure
- Enable search for additional tools to generate the expected excess return
- Link private equity commitments to funding source
- Build common focus for growth-oriented teams within INVO

# Private Equity | Consolidation of growth related segments



# Private Equity | Who else consolidates Public and Private Equity

Peer	Reference Portfolio Equity Allocation	Actual Equity Allocation <sup>7</sup>		
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan	<b>42%</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>38</b> % <sup>4</sup>		
Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board	<b>72%</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>52%</b> <sup>5</sup>		
New Zealand Superannuation Fund	<b>85%</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>75%</b> <sup>6</sup>		

- 1. Based on FY 2016 Annual Report Exposure Policies
- 2. Based on FY 2016 Annual Report Risk Appetite The Reference Portfolio
  Strategic Portfolio Asset Class is the Aspirational composition for the Investment Portfolio and carried an equity target weight of 62%
- 3. Based on FY 2016 Annual Report Growth Assets of Reference Portfolio
- 4. As of 12/31/2016
- 5. As of 03/31/2016
- 6. As of 06/30/2016 and excludes the impact of any strategic tilts.
- 7. Includes both Public Equity and Private Equity



#### **Private Equity** Recommendation

#### **Benchmark**

- Current:
  - 67% FTSE U.S. Total Market + 33% FTSE All World ex U.S. + 300 basis points
    - Lagged one quarter
    - Attempted to reflect actual geographic exposures

- Proposed:
  - FTSE All World, All Capitalization (Global Equity) + Return Premium (TBD)

# Private Equity | Why

#### **Example 2016 Capital Markets Assumptions**

	Arithmetic Return			Geometric Return			Volatility		
	Public Equity	Private Equity	Arith. Rtn Premium	Public Equity	Private Equity	Geo. Rtn Premium	Public Equity	Private Equity	
Wilshire <sup>(1)</sup>	7.8%	12.1%	4.3%	6.5%	8.9%	2.4%	17.1%	27.5%	
Meketa	9.7%	13.2%	3.5%	7.9%	9.6%	1.7%	19.0%	27.0%	
PCA	9.1%	12.1%	3.0%	7.5%	9.1%	1.6%	19.0%	26.0%	
JP Morgan	8.8%	10.6%	1.7%	7.5%	8.5%	1.0%	17.3%	21.8%	
BNY	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.3%	9.1%	1.8%	16.6%	19.1%	
Callan <sup>(2)</sup>	8.6%	12.5%	3.8%	7.0%	7.4%	0.4%	19.0%	32.9%	
Blackrock <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.24%	5.8%	0.6%	16.3%	24.6%	
		Median:	3.4%		Median:	1.3%			

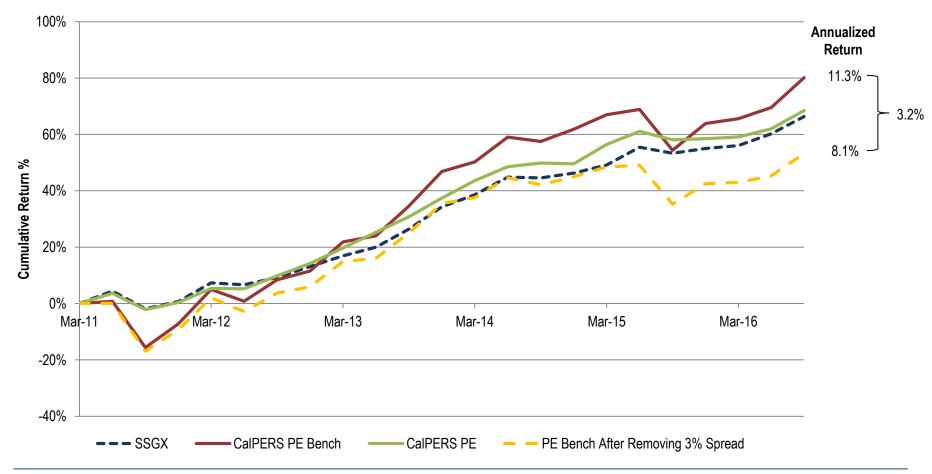


<sup>1.</sup> Based on email request on 11/1/2016

<sup>2.</sup> No Global Equity estimate given. Used a blend of 50% Broad US Equity and 50% Global ex-US as the estimate for Public Equity asset class for both geometric return and volatility

## Private Equity Relative Performance | Problem with Compounding

# Cumulative Return: StateStreet Private Equity Index versus CalPERS Private Equity Benchmark





- Data Source: CalPERS PE Benchmark (StateStreet); SSGX PE (SSGX); Quarterly data from Q2 2011 to Q3 2016
- CalPERS PE Bench: 67% FTSE US TMI + 33% FTSE AW ex-US + 3%

# **Appendix**



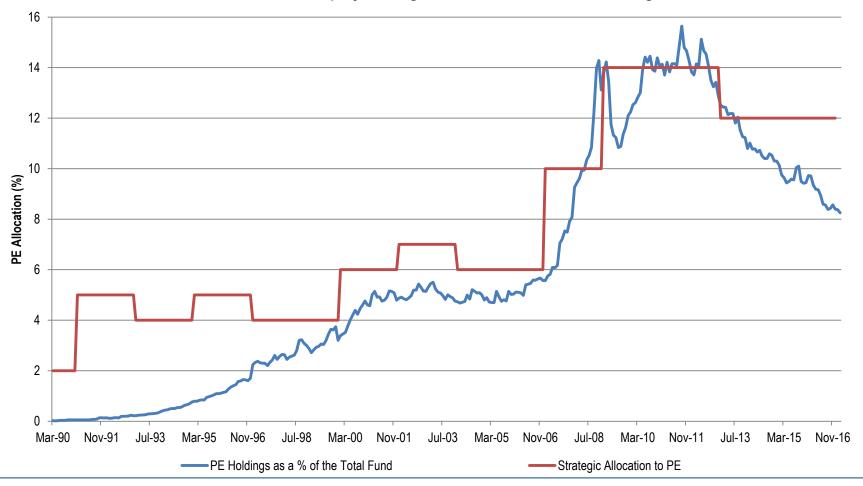
# **Appendix: Role Definitions**

Role	Definition	
Income	Generate current cash flow	
Inflation	Provide protection against inflation	
Diversification	Reduce risk associated with public equity exposure	
Growth	Increase sensitivity to economic growth	
Liquidity	Ability to convert assets into cash	



## Private Equity | Target versus Actual Allocation

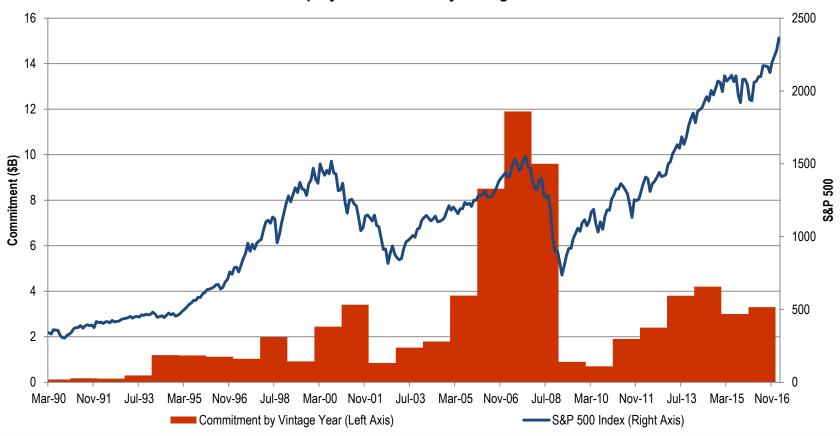
#### **Historical Private Equity Strategic Allocation & Actual % Holdings**





# **Private Equity** | Pro-cyclicality of Commitments

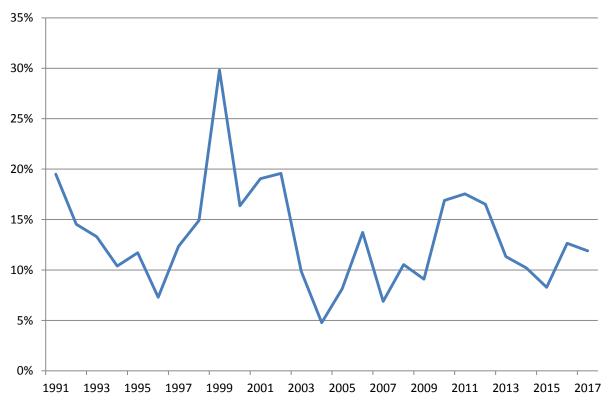






# Private Equity | High Risk Levels

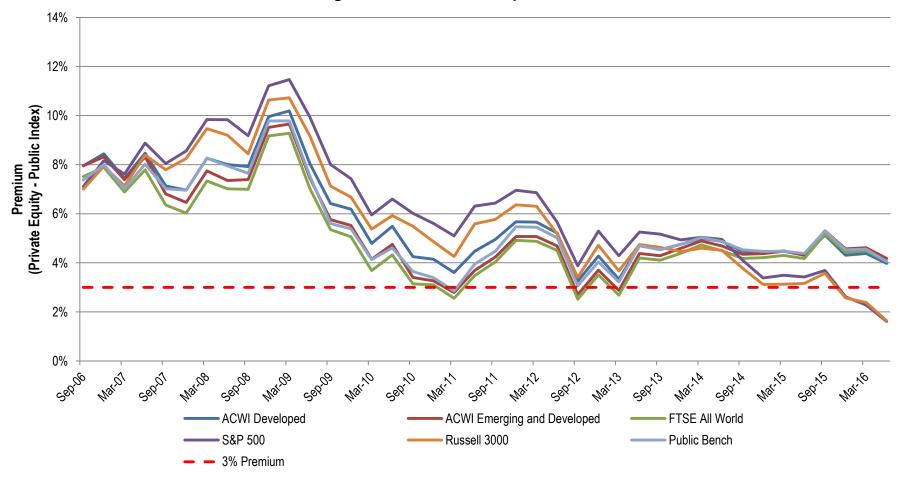






# Private Equity | Historical Private Equity Premium

#### **Rolling 10 YR Annualized Compound Return**



#### Private Equity | Historical Private Equity Premium

#### **Rolling 5 YR Annualized Compound Return**

